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The Search Report cited German Patent Application Nos. DE 19860136, DE 19847421, DE 19860139, DE 19860135 and PCT International Publication Nos. WO 99/54730 and WO 98/23549. Applicants' attorney also encloses copies of the following documents which were cited in the specification of the above-identified patent application: WO 96/04123, WO 96/21523, WO 96/34697, WO 00/39240, WO 00/39369, WO 00/39368, WO 00/39051, WO 00/38845, WO 00/39239 and "Surfactants Europe, A Dictionary of Surface-Active Agents Available In Europe", Royal Society of Chemistry, 1995.

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